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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HANSEN, MATTHEW E.

Examiner

Khaled Brown

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 September 2004.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 33-37, 41, 42 and 44-47 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 33-37, 41, 42 and 47 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 44-46 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 September 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 44-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gaffard (US 4265539).

Re clms 44-46: Gaffard discloses a method for optical system coherence testing comprising the steps of: in an optical system aligning a light source (2) with an apparatus designed for optical system coherence testing (1) and with a means to observe interference patterns (23-27), transmitting light through the apparatus designed for optical system coherence testing, and observing interference patterns from said transmitted light with the means to observe interference patterns (Gaffard Cols 3-4) and an electronic photographic recording medium (Col 4 lines 33-42).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 33-37, 41, 42 and ⁴⁷₁ are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest that the incident light is non-perpendicular or simultaneous testing or that a demodulator reticle is used all in conjunction with the rest of the claimed subject matter.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 9-3-04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In regard to claims 44-46 the applicant argues that Gaffard does not disclose a recording medium. However, Gaffard does disclose a recording medium in that Gaffard discloses five photoelectric receivers (Gaffard Col 3 lines 49-50). In the applicants specification the applicant defines the recording medium as "a variety of recording media, both photographic and electronic, can be used. This includes, but is not limited to: ...charged coupled devices, photodiodes,, and other electronic image detection technologies" (Specification p. 16 paragraph 67). The five photoelectric receivers of Gaffard are photodiodes (Gaffard Col 5 lines 34-35) and therefore Gaffard discloses a recording medium as claimed.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Geary 4747688, Taylor 4990762, Wangler 5343489, Injeyan et al 5825791, Shalapenok et al 6081381, Guenther et al 6252714 and Land 6067391.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khaled Brown whose telephone number is 571-272-2411. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J Toatley Jr. can be reached on 571-272-2800 Ext. 77. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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November 24, 2004


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PRIMARY EXAMINER, SPE 2877

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